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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Counsel just had an opportunity to scan the Publication of June 27, 2002. As connoted by the data submitted by Express Mail on Aug. 3, 2002, applicant seeks the apparatus claims as amended in the parent case. However the publication shows the 1999 claims. Hence, by this preliminary amendment, applicant is substituting the 2001 claims for the 1999 claims, using photocopies of both the clean and intelineated formats. That is the 1999 claims 1, 2, and 3 are cancelled and replaced by 2001 claims 21, 22, and 23, thus complying with standard divisional practice. Because a Notice of Allowability is sought promptly, the Examiner is encouraged to propose any Examiner's Amendments deemed essential for allowance.

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